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SWAVESEY FESTIVAL

pop quiz

saturday 17th march

doors open 7.30pm

the windmill, hale road
swavesey CB24 4QP

licensed bar- bring own nibbles

tickets £5 from the windmill
01954 232247

SWAVESEY FESTIVAL
2018

EDITORIAL

Here we are in 2018 and its time to start thinking about the Swavesey Festival! Yes it is only February but in this issue are the details for the Village Show so come on all you flower arrangers, bakers, flower, fruit and vegetable growers and those who love making things- here is a chance to show what you can do and make this years festival the best ever! Lots of events are being planned so keep up to date by checking your copy of The Meridian to find out more, especially if you need to book ahead for anything.

Work on the A14 continues and I am sure that you, like me, will be very glad when it is finished – let us hope it lives up to all that it is promised to be.

Don't forget to send us your articles and news of your groups so we can tell everyone else! the deadline for the April/May issue is **20th February**.
Editor

Cover Image - 'A Spring Day' by Edwin Parish
Inside Front Cover - Pop Quiz in aid of Swavesey Festival
Inside Back Cover - SVC Half Marathon & 5 Miler
Back Cover - Easter Bazaar in aid of Over Day Centre

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

11 March 2018	St Andrews	"Tea á la Ritz": 4pm at the Memorial Hall. Celebrate Mothering Sunday with cucumber sandwiches and dancing.
17 March 2018	Over Day Centre	Easter Bazaar at Swavesey Windmill. 10.30am to 3.30pm. Various Stalls
17 March 2018	Swavesey Festival	Pop Quiz at Swavesey Windmill. Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets from the windmill 01954 232247
18 March 2018	Swavesey Village College	SVC Half Marathon and Half Miler -
07 July 2018	Swavesey Festival	Gala Day on the Green
14 December 2018	St Andrews	A Medieval Evening with music by Hexachordia and a medieval Mystery Play.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February		
Thursday 1	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin Only
Thursday 8	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 8	Parish Council	Planning Meeting - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall
Thursday 15	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 22	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 26	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm
March		
Thursday 1	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 8	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 8	Parish Council	Planning Meeting - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall
Sunday 11	St Andrews	"Tea á la Ritz": 4pm at the Memorial Hall. Celebrate Mothering Sunday with cucumber sandwiches and dancing.
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Sunday 18	Swavesey Village College	SVC Half Marathon and Half Miler -
Thursday 22	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Sunday 25	RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes	Willoe Weaving Workshop - Booking Essential call on 01954 233260 or email fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk
Monday 26 to Mon April 2	RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes	Fun-filled activities for Easter, including an Easter-themed nature trail
Monday 26	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm
Thursday 29	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
April		
Wednesday 11	Parish Council	Annual Parish Meeting (This meeting is a meeting of the electorate and NOT a Parish Council meeting) 7.30pm in the Memorial
Thursday 12	Parish Council	Planning Meeting - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall

CLUB REPORTS

SWAVESEY W.I.

Dates for Diary 2018

February 12th	The Home Front in Cambs by Alison Giles
March 8th	International Womens Day. Swavesey WI will be celebrating this event. For more information please look for posters around the village.
March 12th	AGM followed by a Mystery Talk by Lisa Boyes

At our November meeting we said a sad farewell to our President Fiona Ross who has moved away. At the meeting Fiona thanked all the members for their support and friendship. She said that she had many good memories of her time in Swavesey. Fiona was presented with flowers and a gift voucher. Fiona had been a good friend and listener to all. She will be so missed by all who knew her.

Lisa Boyes has been chosen as interim President until our AGM in March 2018.

We meet every second Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Visit the Memorial Hall noticeboard which is kept up to date with all our news. You can also find us at Compass Cafe every second Thursday of the month serving homemade cakes and fresh coffee.

For more information about any of our meetings,
please ring Deirdre 01954 230897.
www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk

LONGSTANTON CRICKET CLUB
ATTENTION YOUNG CRICKETERS (AGED 7-12)

We will be running indoor nets at Swavesey Village College Sports centre on six consecutive Sundays between 18 February 2018 and 25 March 2018 (inclusive). There will be two sessions each day coached by Steve Taylor:

09.15 to 10:00 (for ages 7-10)

10:00 to 10:45 (for ages 11-12)

Cost will be £4 per 45 minute session.

Please contact Janet Hill for more details: email: abjv2000@hotmail.com;
tel: 01954 261009

Swavesey & District History Society

November meeting. Anthony Haskins of Oxford Archaeology East gave a talk to a large audience on The Great Fen Spitfire. In the afternoon of 22 November 1940 Pilot Officer Harold Penketh of 266 Squadron, based at RAF Wittering, climbed high on a training flight to 28,000 feet with two colleagues beside him. He was seen to break formation, entering a dive from which he failed to fully recover. Witnesses stated that his aircraft partially recovered at around 2000 feet but immediately re-entered a dive and struck the ground vertically. He was 20 years old and had only 13 hours of flying Spitfires logged. He didn't bale out. Investigation suggested failure of the oxygen system was possibly the cause of the accident. His body was recovered from the wreck within days and returned to his home town of Brighton. The site of the crash was near Holme Lode Farm, Holme. Over seven days in October 2015 Oxford Archaeology East excavated the Spitfire. The BBC Countryfile programme visited the site during excavation.

A geophysical survey pinpointed where the plane crashed and located the Merlin engine at 2 to 3 metres below the surface. Remains of the Spitfire, including the engine block and parts of the cockpit were found in-situ along with other parts of the airframe, plus the pitot tube from the wingtip, used to measure airspeed, and.303 ammunition. There was much paint still on the bodywork, including red paint on part of the tail. On day 5 two of the three propeller blades were unearthed. Some of the pilot's personal effects were discovered, including a cigarette case engraved with his initials. His watch was also found and although the hands had rusted away they had left an imprint at 2.20 – the time of the crash.

Within days of the excavation finishing The Great Fen Heritage Group began the process of washing pieces of airframe and other finds. Over a nine-month cleaning period the volunteers sorted through large bags of miscellaneous pieces which were then hand brushed, washed and left to dry. The engine block, propeller and numerous small finds are now preserved and stored at The Pathfinder Museum at RAF Wyton to be put on display there. Guided tours of the museum can be organised for members of the public to see the preserved parts.

December meeting. Thirty two members turned out for the Society's AGM on a very cold evening with slippery road conditions following recent snowfall. After the formal proceedings four local speakers gave short presentations.

- Garry Warrington (Over). From the 1870s the Fenland Skating Society organised annual competitions for its many members and visitors, with the administration being centred at Over in recent decades. Skating was done locally on Mare Fen to the north of the road between Swavesey and Over but the favourite site was at Bury Fen near Earith. One event took place on frozen settling ponds at Milton sewage works, becoming smelly as the ice melted. Examples of different types of skates were on display along with skating course designs and early photographs.
- Noreen Morgan (Swavesey) recently discovered many documents and photographs about her grandparents. Her grandmother was a prison warder at Holloway Prison from 1913, during the time of the Suffragettes. Her grandfather who was a career soldier in the Royal Hussars was injured in World War I, although the nature of his injury is not yet discovered. He survived and subsequently worked for the Eaden Lilley high class store in Cambridge, with the family living in a house owned by Eaden Lilley. Some photographs were shown but more remain to be processed.
- Eileen Webster (Over) reported on continued research into her early relatives of the Bicheno family, going back to her 7th generation of grandparents in the 1500s and 1600s. Links with the university and Civil War support for the King but also favouring of the Quaker religion were discovered along with one family member being Mayor of Cambridge. At one time senior positions were held in the government of Hobart in Tasmania and eventually family members became printers and bookbinders in the area of the University Bookshop opposite the Senate Building in Cambridge.
- Selwyn (Swavesey) spoke on cereal harvest in the Fens in years gone by. The sequence of events from cutting the crop with a tractor-drawn binder, shocking up the sheaves in the field, carting by horse and cart to the stackyard and stack building, then thatching followed eventually by threshing the grain was covered in pictures from the time. When the contractor came in with his steam engine, threshing drum and straw jack it was common to have 10 men working on the many tasks as a team which would move round each farm in the village.

After the speakers a light buffet, including mulled apple juice, was kindly provided by the Committee Members.

Swavesey Community Heritage Orchard

Swavesey and surrounding villages have a long history of orchards stretching back to mediaeval times. Due to changes in farming practice and differing land needs the majority of these orchards have been lost over the past century. A small team of volunteers, working through the auspices of the Parish Council, is ready to get to work to recreate a heritage orchard if we can have access to a plot of land. There are several organisations which provide grants to such projects but the starting point is the land!

Do you have a plot of land of 0.5-1.0 acres which you would be willing to sell or long term lease to the community to allow the establishment of a Community Heritage Orchard in Swavesey.

Planning is at a very early stage as yet, however, our ideas would include:

- a scheme to allow families, businesses and local schools to sponsor a tree or trees and be involved in all aspects of the establishment and maintenance
- the opportunity to become familiar with some of the older cultivars of tree fruit which used to be grown in this region and having the chance to taste a range of fruit quite different from those in the supermarket
- training in pruning techniques,
- learning about the importance of pollinators and biodiversity in general

If you are interested in participating in this project and, in particular if you have access to a reasonably centrally located plot of land, please get in touch.

Glyn Jones Email: gj@2gsc.net Tel;07977 907622

SWAVESEY SPARTANS FC

At the Christmas break in the 2017/18 season the number of postponements due to the weather has again been negligible, mirroring the last 2 seasons. Nearly all of our teams are pitched at the right level and compete evenly in most games. 4 of our teams are still left in cup competitions which means 4 of our managers are looking to roll out their designer suits in the spring. It is rumoured that the Liverpool FA Cup Final suits of 22 years ago may see daylight again based on the fashion sense of the managers concerned. The Christmas break is when a mini league realignment takes place for the players of primary school age. This process matches sides of similar strength and recognises how well players have adjusted as numbers increase (5 active players to 7 and onto 9) and pitches become proportionally larger. When players reach 11 a side 90 minute games and then leave us for adult football they have been through an evolving process; a huge step forward over the last 2 decades. We continue to use the pitches in Elsworth and Fen Drayton (special thanks to John Mawer for cutting the pitch for us) as well as Swavesey Village College and Swavesey Green. Whilst the Green is looking and playing well we would ask that dog owners clear up after themselves, the small minority who don't cause us problems that we could do without. We hope that villagers get behind the guys on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons - refreshments are generally available from the Pavilion. We are looking for the next intake of players and coaches to lead the Under 6s (boys and girls from school year one). Please get in contact, without obligation, if you can help even if you have no connection with year one and limited football knowledge. Our Under 9 girls would benefit from a slightly larger squad, anyone who knows a girl in years 3 or 4 who wants to play football, please get in touch.

Ladies Football in Swavesey:- The current Under 16 girls team is enjoying football and want to carry on playing next season but in what guise? They could play in the sparsely populated Under 17 league or is there an option to start a women's team? All options need to be looked at. Can we ask if there are any female over 16s interested in playing to get in touch so the club can scope the feasibility of introducing Ladies football into Swavesey.

Spartans Day:- As usual the club will be holding the annual Spartans Day on Swavesey Green and this has been planned for Sunday 17 June 2018 (Father's Day), as you populate your 2018 calendars please pencil this day in. A day of family fun and a display of children's football skills for us all to enjoy. This is a village event with a football theme surrounded by gazebos, picnics and smiling faces. By the summer we expect to have another defibrillator for village use and feel subject to negotiation with the right parties the preferred location should be Swavesey Green. We welcome everyone to join us for this key village interaction opportunity and England's World Cup fixtures start the next day.

World Cup 2018:- Hosted by Russia between 14 June and 15 July. England start their Group G fixtures on 18 June at 1900 against Tunisia, followed by facing Panama on 24 June at 1300 and completing their group games with a game against Belgium at 1900 on 28 June.

Partnership with Cambridge United FC:- Swavesey Spartans are one of the Chartered Standard Clubs who have signed up to the partnering relationship with Cambridge United. As part of this Swavesey Spartans will benefit from some of the resources available through this programme. There are sometimes discounts offered to our players for the Cambridge United holiday and term time Soccer Schools and Soccer Centres, which have Swavesey Village College as one of their locations. Players and parents are offered heavily discounted tickets to selected Football League 2 matches (Wycombe Wanderers and Accrington Stanley so far this season) which gives our players a chance to watch football in a proper ground at affordable prices.

Website:- Our website is there to keep you up to date on all matters Spartans. The site is www.swaveseyspartans.co.uk (please note there is no "fc" in the address now.) please contact the club using the details on the site or the details in the club section of this Meridian. Feedback on the site is welcome

Swavesey Community Choir

Are YOU up for something different this New Year?
I do not mean getting on the treadmill to work off the Xmas meal!

Why not come along to our Community choir and enjoy singing with a bunch of people who like to smile!

We meet every Wednesday evening (during term time) at Swavesey Village College

Term starts on 10th January at 7.30pm. Feel free to “come and try us out” anytime!

Please use the contact details below for more information:

Email: swavesey.community.choir@gmail.com

Website: http://www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk/

1st Swavesey Scout Group

Christmas Post Update

We wanted to thank the residents of Swavesey for letting us post your Christmas cards for you.

We have collected over 500 cards and managed to raise more than £100 for the 1st Swavesey Scout Group.

A special thank you goes out to the staff of the Newsagents, Le Mac Hairdressers, The Costcutter Store and the Post Office, without your help and support we would not have been able to collect so many cards, so thank you.

The experiences of an allotment new boy

I had the call from Selwyn in early October. I had been on the waiting list for several months and now a Hale Road allotment had become available. 'It's a bit weedy' he said 'but nothing a man like you can't handle'. We arranged to meet and Selwyn showed me plot 48. 'I have sprayed the thistles and they should die in a few weeks' he said 'and the rest should dig in nicely'. The task ahead looked daunting, especially when Selwyn suggested that the plot would need a hundred barrowloads of muck to 'sort it out'. After all, I may now be retired and 'time-rich' but I had spent my professional life sitting on my backside either at a computer or at the wheel of a car and it was clear that this would be totally different. I accepted the challenge.

An annual fee of £44 would get the allotment lease for a year with manure and soil conditioner provided on an all-you-can-eat basis. I considered this to be a good deal, not only because of the manure but also because of the availability of mains water (the holy grail of allotments). A great deal of thought, work and no little expense has gone into the Hale Road facilities: a high-quality fence keeps rabbits out, grass pathways separate the plots and there is a high-tech waterless loo for everyone's convenience (which is soon, I gather, to be solar-powered).

I set to work digging the plot. It was slow work not just because of my physical sluggishness but also because the soil on my part of the field has a high clay content. While, thanks to the efforts of the previous holder, some areas had been well-worked and were quite friable, others were hard work with whole slabs of a plasticine-like material clinging to the spade. Also, as the field had previously been agricultural land there was a 'plough pan' – a compacted layer of soil around 35 centimetres beneath the surface caused by repeated ploughing – which had to be broken up with a fork during digging and which added considerably to the task. I decided to split the plot into six beds, one for soft fruit and the others, for vegetables, on which I will rotate the cropping to minimise the build-up of soil-borne pests and diseases. As I completed the first bed the incorporation of muck and soil-conditioner had raised the level of the soil to the extent that one of my allotment neighbours asked who I'd buried there.

I got the entire plot dug well before Christmas by which time I was half a stone lighter. A shed arrived and was quickly erected in early December then hardy broad beans and peas slowly emerged. Selfishly, I am hoping for a cold winter with plenty of sharp frosts to penetrate the soil and break up the clods. I am thinking of what I'll be growing in 2018 and as I thumb through the seed catalogue it's clear I'm going to be a conventional grower with peas, beans, cabbage, onions and carrots at the top of my list with raspberries and strawberries in the soft-fruit bed. A high priority will be the establishment of an asparagus bed, my favourite, but since it will take a couple of years to become fully productive I'll just have to be patient.

It's a nice feeling knowing that now most of the hard work is done, I can look forward to enjoying the growing part of the cycle next spring. Bring it on!

Bill, plot 48

rspb giving nature a home

An update from

Fen Drayton Lakes

What's been happening

Here at the reserve we have been busy working away through the winter to improve the lakes for both people and wildlife. Over on the North West of Elney lake we have removed some willow and other mature trees to give a long view across. This adds an interesting element to one of the most wooded walks on offer across the reserve.

We have also been removing some trees along the edge of Ferry pond. The removal of these trees, coupled with removing/lowering some of the bramble, should hopefully help create improved path conditions on the approach to the Ferry mere viewing shelter.

Wildlife

Bitterns returned to spend the winter, with up to three being seen at once from the Elney viewpoint adjacent to the busway. Moreover, this view point has also produced barn owl, marsh harrier, bearded tit and snipe. Unfortunately starlings did not swarm to the reserve on mass this winter, however there were sometimes a couple of thousand gathering at dusk.

Get involved

We have several opportunities to get involved with our work through volunteering. There are roles to suit all levels of ability, fitness and commitment, so if you've been thinking about it, please do get in touch for more information.

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes
Phone 01954 233260

Visit **rspb.org.uk/reserves**

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654

LET'S GET CREATIVE !

We pride ourselves on the high standard of our talks, but in this magazine we can give you advance notice of a total of six excellent speakers who will be visiting us in February and March this year. In our last magazine we have already told you of 'Deep Space Astrophotography', on 1st February, by our own David Davies. He will show us more of his stunning work and this time explain to us how he achieves such spectacular results.

On February 22nd, with Christine Hart, we have ' My Journey to Find My Creative Side', describing her development as a photographer from the late 80's to the present day, then on 8th March our old friends, Barry and Liz Hatton, return with 'Safari to the Back Garden and Beyond', The Hattons are a well-known local couple, very interested in the wild-life of this region, so they will have much helpful advice for us.

We will be given more useful advice by Ann Miles on 15th March, 'Creative Effects with Camera and Software'. She will show us how manipulation of images is nothing new, actually dating back to the earliest days of photography; she will give us her overall view of composition and tonal control, and show how she achieves her creative effects, with hints and techniques to use with different software.

On this same theme, if you want to enjoy a full evening of the most creative and amusing photography imaginable, you mustn't miss Barbie Lyndsay's 'Creative Photography' on 22nd March. She never fails to astonish us. Barbie has represented Britain in the worldwide FIAP biennial print competition where she won an individual silver medal. Her work is widely published in books and newspapers, even on a BT phone card.

After all this, one hopes it will inspire our own more creative photographers to enter the Bill Dunn Competition in Peterborough, on 20th March, unsurprisingly called 'Creative Photography'. Details are available from our programme or website.

We have three internal competitions too. On 8th February we have the prestigious Bamber Trophy (5 digitally projected images showing a wide range of topic and technique) then on 29th March the equally prestigious Themed Print Panel. This time all 5 prints must be viewed together as a set with a linked topic throughout, as chosen by the entrant. In between these, on March 1st, we have our second Set Subject Competition, maybe more casual than the other two, but a great deal of skill and imagination goes into producing images which fit the specification; this time the topic is 'Raw Power'

You might like to hear of a contemporary Arts Festival to be held in Cambridge soon, linking Science, Technology and the Arts, by means of installations, talks and concerts. This promises many opportunities to photograph something different; e-Luminate Cambridge will be held from 9th to 14th February, and we are planning to arrange a group visit.

Do come along to any of our talks which are of interest to you. Posters will be put up in the village a few days before, to remind everyone.

Mo Hadfield
Swavesey Camera Club
www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

VILLAGE NEWS

Swavesey Festival 2018
30th JUNE – 8th JULY
GALA DAY ON THE GREEN 7TH JULY
Theme for 2018; "Swavesey through the Ages"

Please make a note of the dates for the festival and get them entered straight into those new diaries and calendars. We now have a full week of events and activities. A full list of events will be appearing on the festival website swaveseyfestival.org.uk in the new year together with details of how to book tickets. We are grateful to the Hale Roads Allotments who have stepped in to organize the Villlage Craft and Produce Show on the Gala Day 7th July. There is a separate article in this magazine giving more details.

Unfortunately, the costs of running the festival have increased dramatically this year. Please look out for festival fundraiser events at the Windmill and give these your support. We are also looking for new members for the "100" club which brings in much needed revenue. It all helps to raise the money that allows us to keep events like the Gala Day free for everyone to enjoy.

We continue to look for help, new ideas and sponsors. If you have an idea for an event you would like to run or an event you would like to sponsor please contact us

via email at simonshore99@gmail.com

Simon Shore - Swavesey Festival Committee

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15.

To take part in this popular competition phone Sally Unwin on 01954 230200. Latest winners are;

	£	November 2017	December 2017
First prize	60	Jenny Smart	Colin Thomas
Second prize	30	Sally Unwin	Sue Braybrook
Third prize	15	Helen Rees	Tracey Booth

SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2018
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Village Show in the Marquee on Saturday 7 July

One of the many highlights of Swavesey Festival is the Village Show in the marquee on Gala Day. This year it is organised by Hale Road Allotments and we would like Swavesey residents of all ages to help us to make it even more successful than in 2016. Then there were 147 entries in the children's classes from 97 children. There were many more classes for adults to enter which is why there were 235 entries from just 50 adults. So the children turned out in force in 2016 and it would be good if more adults would join in this year. Children may also enter the classes primarily aimed at adults of course.

Class 1, flower arrangement in a teapot, sounds both colourful and easy. As a more challenging activity for the youngsters, we are asking for a collage of the village sign which can be studied in Market Street. For adults, instead of a traditional fruit cake for the standard recipe class we have gone with a more challenging Somerset cider apple cake. This cake has gone down well when the allotments have delivered Compass Café in recent years. That old favourite, Victoria sponge, is back along with an item made for a child which attracted 18 entries in 2016. The biggest number of entries by far last time was 34 in the 5-7 years group - a piece of jewellery involving beads. An original Lego model is there again.

Hard copies of the Village Show guidance, Classes, exhibit fees and entry form will be available in summer but for those who are keen to put plans in place they can be found now on the Festival website, along with the programme of all Festival 2018 events, at swaveseyfestival.org.uk. Take a look now

Village show entry classes 2018

Adults

Flower arranging	
1. Arrangement in a teapot	2. A summer evening (not a pedestal arrangement
Flowers	
3. A vase of 5 different garden flowers	5. A single rose
4. 6 sweet peas, up to 3 different varieties	

Fruit and vegetables	
6. 10 strawberries, including stalks	13. 3 beetroot – tops trimmed to 5 cm
7. 10 gooseberries, including stalks	14. 5 carrots – tops trimmed to 8 cm
8. 10 raspberries, including stalks	15. 3 bulb onions – foliage trimmed and tied
9. 2 stalks of currants (black, red or white), minimum 7 fruit per stalk	16. 7 pods of peas
10. 3 courgettes – max 15 cm long, any colour	17. 5 radish – tops trimmed to 3 cm
11. 1 lettuce – minimum of outside leaves removed	18. 3 different types of vegetable (1 of each)
12. 3 new potatoes – medium sized tubers, washed	
Preserves	
19. A jar of citrus marmalade	23. A jar of chutney
20. A jar of fruit jam	24. A jar of pickled mixed vegetables
21. A jar of herb or fruit jelly	25. A jar of any single pickled vegetable
22. A jar of lemon curd	
Home Baking	
26. A cake made using vegetables	30. A Victoria sponge cake
27. 3 individual fruit pies	31. 4 chocolate brownies
28. 4 cheese scones	32. 4 shortbread biscuits
29. A Somerset cider apple cake (recipe will be supplied)	
Other Produce	
33. A bottle of elderflower cordial	34. A bottle of any fruit gin
Handicraft	
35. An item of needlework	37. An item made for a child
36. A knitted item	38. A handmade bag – any medium

Children's entries

Cookery	
39. Under 5 years - decorate 3 purchased cupcakes – judged on decoration only	41. 8- 12 years - make 3 decorated cupcakes – judged on taste and decoration
40. 5- 7 years- make 3 decorated cupcakes – judged on taste and decoration	
Craft	
42. Under 5 years - a picture of me on holiday (not a photo)	48. 5-7 years - a piece of jewellery involving beads
43. 5-7 years - a collage of the village sign	49. 8-12 years - a piece of jewellery involving beads
44. 8-12 years - a collage of the village sign	50. 13-16 years - a piece of jewellery involving beads
45. Under 5 years - a decorated stone	51. 5-7 years - an original Lego model (not made from a kit)
46. 5-7 years - a decorated stone	52. 8-12 years - an original Lego model (not made from a kit)
47. 8-12 years - a decorated stone	

25 YEARS OVER DAY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

******* SAVE THE DATE *******

25 YEARS OVER DAY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE
and
THE MERIDIAN MEANDER

Sponsored Charity 12.5, 18 and 26 Mile Circular Walks

Sunday **13**th May **2018**

from The Over Day Centre
1 Dring's Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

(For further information contact amandamonks42@gmail.com or 07891 890302)

Your Library Swavesey

The Library has Hosted two exciting Afternoons to Celebrate Fireworks Father Christmas Activities and Fun

We have free Wifi access to computers, a wide range of books for all ages. We have regular story times for young children. Look out for our posters and notices on Swavesey Village life.

We continue to welcome donations of good quality books for our shelves or to sell to meet our running costs. Come and join us at the Village College

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	202707	Sarah Hellon	230960
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We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

Fun and games in the 50's

Growing up in the fifties we were never short of games to play or things to do but after the austere times in post war Britain there were exciting new clubs springing up in Swavesey

There were thriving Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scout movements and at the Bethel Chapel there was Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade. Many of the children in Swavesey belonged to one of these clubs. When I first became a Brownie we used to meet in the Old National School which was opposite the Green. It was very dilapidated and extremely cold in the winter with just a cast iron boiler to heat the whole place. There were about 24 Brownies in our pack and this was subdivided into Elves, Fairies, Sprites and Pixies. I was a Pixie and I had a cloth badge on my uniform which had a little green Pixie on a brown background. Our uniform consisted of a brown cotton dress with a yellow neckerchief, brown knitted hat and leather belt. While meeting in the National School I remember Brown Owl teaching us how to sew but our hands were so cold we couldn't hold the needle. It took me a long time to get my sewing badge as I wasn't very neat and I also used to manage to get huge great knots in the thread, causing great frustration. I believe the Old National School soon became unsafe and was demolished but by this time we had moved to an outbuilding in the much nicer Grange down the bottom of Market Street on the right. It wasn't much warmer but at least there was no danger of falling through the floorboards.

While I was in the Brownies my Dad was asked to make a toadstool. This he tackled with enthusiasm using his experience of making model aeroplanes. He cut and shaped ribs for the base and top from plywood and joined them to a central pillar. He then took tissue paper and glued it across the ribs, this was very flimsy but he carefully painted it with dope which was a strong smelling clear liquid. As it dried it became taut and hardened, after a few more layers applied in the same way, the whole structure became very strong and rigid. He painted it in red and then added a few white spots, so it looked like fly agaric fungi. As Brownies, we used to say our Brownie promise while standing in front of it and we used to skip around it every week as we sang our songs. As far as I know, it lasted about thirty years and had a couple of repairs during this time but I have

no idea what happened to it after this. In the summer, we used to have our Annual Jamboree with the Guides, Cubs and Scouts. This took place on a large field at the back of the Manor House. Doctor Ford, who lived there was very supportive and used to allow us to pitch our tents and forage for wood to build our campfires. We played loads of games, sang songs and cooked sausages over open fires. We learnt so many life skills; although at the time we were just doing it to earn our badges, but it has stood me in good stead. Even now. I can manage to light a fire without using matches and I still remember most of the knots I was taught. Although I must admit to having an urge to set a trail using twigs and stones as arrows for some unknown person to follow.

When I was about 6, I went to ballet and tap classes in the Memorial Hall on a Saturday morning. This was a totally new class set up by The Betty Dale School of Dance. Lots of girls joined and it soon became very successful and we all looked forward to our Saturday mornings. We were taught basic tap to start with and the Memorial Hall rang out with calls of 'shuffle shuffle bang', the clouds of dust coming up from the old wooden floorboards as we all stamped our feet down at 'bang', were picked up in the shafts of sunlight coming through the windows. We must have improved as eventually we used to do a show or two on Christs Pieces in Cambridge. Apart from a couple of elderly people in the audience who had fallen asleep, we were generally greeted with enthusiastic applause. We had the most amazing dance costumes, made by one of the Mums called Mrs. Smye. She must have worked so hard to get them all done in time as by now there must have been nearly thirty girls in the troupe and we each had at least four changes. She was an amazing woman and I still have all my dance costumes as I can't bear to throw them out.

Sue Barker, Whitton Close

THANK YOU

Steven Nicholas Christian

Jane, Sophie, Elizabeth and all of Steven's family would like to thank everyone for their kind generosity in raising the magnificent sum of £2336.13 in memory of Steven, which has been donated to Arthur Rank Hospice, Cambridge.

The care given, by Arthur Rank staff to Steven in his last two weeks was absolutely superb in every way, for which we are all extremely grateful. we would also like to thank all the friends who assisted with providing wonderful food after the funeral and the windmill itself for providing the venue.

To those who helped Jane and the girls with sorting out various matters, through difficult times, our heartfelt thanks to you all.

We miss him dearly.

A Glance at the Past in February and March From the Cambridge Chronicle

1849, 25 Feb. Horse Stealing. On Monday night the 20th inst., or early on Tuesday some thieves visited this place and stole from a field in the occupation of Mr. F. Carter, a brown nag mare. Also another belonging to Mr. Jonas Wallman, a butcher of this place, a dark bay; a reward is offered for their return or information about the theft. This is the second time this village has been visited in about twelve months by such characters, and from the prompt steps that have been taken we hope ere long the parties will be brought to justice.

1852, 27 Mar. Accident. William Warrington, single, aged twenty of Swavesey, was resting the palm of his hand upon the muzzle of a gun when the weapon went off. The shot shattered and carried away the greater part of his thumb. He was conveyed to Addenbrooks Hospital where his thumb was amputated, and he is progressing favourably.

1852, 27 Mar. Another Accident. Last Wednesday, Richard Gibbs, a porter at Swavesey Railway Station whilst attempting to board a moving carriage of the train was thrown upon the line and several carriages passed over his body. The Stationmaster telegraphed to Cambridge for Mr. Johnson and Mr. Mitchell of the hospital. When they arrived they diagnosed a severe compound fracture of the leg the soft parts so damaged that immediate amputation was required. He was conveyed to hospital, a special train being ordered for both journeys.

1855, 24 Feb. Price of a Cheap Ride. At the Petty Sessions on Saturday, two labourers of Swavesey, Mr. D. and Mr. W. were fined £1 each or 14 days imprisonment for riding without tickets in the 2nd Class carriage from St. Ives to Swavesey on the Eastern Counties Railway.

1857, 7 Feb. Skating Match. Charles Dodson, age 17, bricklayer's servant has beaten allcomers and won much money at speed skating. Many visitors from the surrounding villages and towns have been on the ice near the Church. On Thursday there was a bandy match and racing between the Over & Swavesey youths, both won by the latter named.

1864, 19 Mar. Late Floods. The whole of Swavesey Fen has been submerged during the last few days. Loss to farmers is great. Waters now subsiding.

1866, 3 Feb. Cattle Plague Meeting. A large meeting was held in the National School to consider the most suitable place to bury the carcases of the cattle plague animals. Resolved that the east end of the Play Green would be used, the carcases to be buried five feet down. A Notice Board to warn people not to approach carcases to be buried.

1886, 12 Feb. Lighting the Village. There are thirty street lamps working. The cast iron pillars were supplied by Mr. H. Wilderspin, the lamps and burners are the patent of Silber Light Co. Mr. Mitham supplied the brackets and did the work of fixing them to the houses. Mr. Froment contracted for supplying all the materials needed for lighting the lamps until early April next year. Great praise is due to the Vicar for his suggestion of lighting the village. About £90 was subscribed, this would cover the cost of lamps and lighting until next season.

1896, 20 Mar. Adult School. The Swavesey Branch of the Friends Adult School held a meeting in the Friends Meeting House on Monday last. Mr. Holmden told the history of the Adult School Movement from its commencement 50 years ago in Birmingham, now there were tens of thousands of working men who were members. Mrs. Holmden said that her early connections with Swavesey filled her with happy memories. Why should not Swavesey have a Women's School as well as a Men's. Samuel Wright and Jabez Day, scholars of the School spoke of the advantages.

Chris Richardson

Fury at plans to spend thousands of pounds on digital bus signs for village bus stops

As many of you may have read recently, the Parish Council has realised that Cambridgeshire County Council has been requesting money from proposed housing developments in the village for digital 'real-time' display screens in village bus stops. This is for bus stops which see only one bus in each two hours pass by them! Two of the stops in Boxworth End do not even have the Citi 5 bus and only have the once a day Over-St Ives bus, which is currently only on a temporary contract.

The Parish Council only became aware of this at the most recent planning appeal hearing and was astounded that considering the amount of money being requested, the County Council had not contacted or consulted with the Parish about this.

In total, across 4 major development proposals, CCC has requested £189,000 for 7 of these display screens.

The Parish Council has taken this up very strongly with the County Council as it is not only on this issue that Parishes receive no consultation or liaison from the County.

For the amount of money being requested here, the Parish Council has suggested that a community bus linking neighbouring villages and the guided busway could most probably be funded, which would be far more beneficial than digital displays.

See original article at: www.cambridge-news.co.uk
Swavesey Parish Council

Leeks wrapped in ham with cheese sauce (Recipe from the Allotments)

Ingredients (serves 2)
2 medium leeks. 4 slices of thick-cut, smoked ham. 25 g plain flour. 40 g butter or margarine. ¾ pint milk. 100 g cheddar cheese, grated. 1 tsp English mustard powder. Salt and white pepper.

Method
Trim the leeks and cut each into two equal lengths. Steam them until tender (approx. 15 minutes). Cool slightly then wrap each piece in a slice of ham (smoked if preferred).

Pre-heat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5.

Melt the butter or margarine in a saucepan and add the flour. Cook the paste, stirring for 1 minute. Stir in the mustard powder then gradually add the milk, stirring constantly for a smooth sauce. Bring to the boil, stirring until thickened. Mix in half of the cheese and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Grease a ceramic baking dish large enough to fit the leeks snuggly. Pour in a third of the sauce, top with the ham-wrapped leeks and pour over the remaining sauce, ensuring the ham is covered.

Sprinkle with the reserved cheese and bake for 20 minutes until golden and bubbling.

Over Surgery News
www.oversurgery.nhs.uk

New Year – new you!

If you are thinking of giving up smoking or would like to make healthy lifestyle changes then our practice nurses can support you with this. Please contact the reception to make an appointment.

Taking medication when travelling abroad

Please be aware that there are different regulations for each country when taking medication abroad, this could be especially important if carrying controlled drugs. It is your responsibility to establish the rules for the destination, airline and country you are travelling to so please check with either your tour operator or airline; this could involve a home office licence, or a doctors letter.

We can provide a doctors letter if this is required, however please be advised that this is not an NHS service so will incur a charge of £30.

Dr Gillard – donations

The donations for Dr Gillard have amounted to nearly £800. After discussion with the patient group we have agreed to put the money towards pictures/artwork for the hallway now that it has been re-decorated and to also provide a designated childrens corner in the waiting room with new toys.

SMS text messages

Please let the receptionist know your mobile telephone number if you would like to receive your appointment details by SMS text message, this will also send you a reminder of your appointment 24 hours before.

Please also make sure that you update us with any changes in telephone numbers.

On-line Service

If you would like to book your GP appointments, or order repeat medication, through the on-line service please bring in two forms of ID to the receptionist so that they can provide you with login and password details.

Thanks and best wishes

The staff and doctors would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who kindly gave gifts to the surgery this Christmas. We are sorry that we will be unable to write to you all individually but would like to express our appreciation.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2018!

Doctors Surgeries

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Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:-
www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

Over Surgery
(01954) 231550
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:- www.oversurgery.nhs.uk

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111
Website:-
www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Bar Hill Surgery
(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted
Website:- www.mhmaple.co.uk/

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
01480 461873
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www.northcotehousesurgery

See our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

The Cambridge Stroke Group

The Cambridge Stroke Group is a support group for all stroke survivors in Cambridgeshire. The group, a small charity run entirely by volunteers, was created with the joining together of Different Strokes, Cambridge and The Stroke Association to help provide a comprehensive support group for all those, of any age, who have had a stroke.

The Cambridge Stroke Group provides support and a lifeline to its members, helping to transform their lives and speed up recovery after a stroke by gaining independence, establishing new friendships and experiencing new activities.

The aim of the group is to provide a meeting place in a friendly and caring environment for people who have had a stroke, their families, carers and friends. It is a place away from the hospital that offers emotional and social support to stroke survivors and a chance to meet others who have also experienced the potentially devastating effects of having had a stroke.

Our drop-in meetings are calm, friendly and informal and everyone is welcome to pop in for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

We meet every Thursday afternoon between 1pm – 4pm at the David Rayner Centre, Scotsdales Nursery and Garden Centre,120 Cambridge Road, Great Shelford, CB22 5JT.

For any further information please email us on info@cambridgestrokegroup.co.uk, visit our website on www.cambridgestrokegroup.co.uk or alternatively ring Helen Long on 07540 513225

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Music School

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
NEW CLASS!	Rock School Rockets	guitars, drums	beginners
11am – 12pm	SMS Community Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

Now in its 9th. Year!

Check out our new class: RS Rockets

Also, SMS Community Orchestra, open to all ages; adults, parents: why not pick up that instrument from youth and join us on a Saturday morning? Email for more information and to check availability.

£4 per session!

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

Audrey Caldwell, Director of Music
acaldwell@swaveseyvc.co.uk
http://swaveseyms.co.uk/

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CLASSES ALSO IN GIRTON HISTON & COTTENHAM

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am.
Family with one child, £3.
More than one child, £4.
Under 6 months. £2.

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups".
A great chance to meet local parents.

Exhibition Review - Cambridge Open Art Exhibition November 2017

"Outstanding! Quality work and full of diversity! Inspiring!" And many more enthusiastic comments from visitors to the exhibition.

This is an exhibition with a difference - it is not managed, not selective - but relaxed and celebratory with local artists given the freedom to express what they really believe is important to them. And importantly free entry for all, and activities for our younger visitors.

There was eagerness and concentration from the large numbers who attended over the weekend, many of whom purchased original artwork and prints, with 32% of artists selling at the exhibition. Visitors comments were much appreciated by the volunteers who give their time freely to raise this annual event.

Also appreciated was the comment from Dr Catherine Burke from Cambridge University that LEA officers from the past, such as Henry Morris and Sir Alec Clegg, both convinced of the fundamental importance of art in society, would have been delighted with the concepts behind the exhibition. Catherine, who is Reader in History of Education and Childhood, also believes that the arts must play a significant part in today's curriculum.

SVC students carefully checked in artworks, welcomed visitors and watched the paintings being hung and undoubtedly benefitted from the creative experience. As did the visiting children who spent much time choosing their favourite paintings to enter the Win a Picture draw, participated in the art activities and ventured inside the splendid art installation created by Steve Ferris and local schools and art groups. A huge thank you to artist Gerry Wilmer for spending all weekend running workshops for our younger visitors.

Thank you to Swavesey Village College, HMC Framing, SCDC, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, MyCambridge, Highways England and Diana Jarvis Photography.

Cambridge TV who visited the exhibition on the Saturday interviewing artists and exhibition organisers have scheduled the broadcast for the 28th January 2018 at 6pm, Freeview channel 7, Virgin 159.

We had many entries for the popular win-a-picture Prize Draw - the winning picture was "Haven" by Ronald Blackwell won by Claire Beressi-Jones.

Review by Rosemary Millar.

Adult Education at Swavesey Village College

Try something new

With over 40 evening classes and 23 Saturday workshops available there will be a subject to inspire you, to help you discover that hidden talent or to improve your knowledge of your favourite hobby.

Maybe that isn't going far enough & you want to turn a hobby into a career, an independent business.

Get Creative with:

Mosaics for Beginners
Dichroic Glass Jewellery Making+
Stunning Spring Flower Bouquets+
Woodwork for Beginners
Patchwork Quilting

Get Cooking with:

Indian Street Food course
Best of Bread Making.
Italian Cuisine & Pasta Making+

Get Active with:

Dance Fitness over 50's
Aerobics, Pilates
Zumba & Yoga
Contemporary Dance

Saturday workshops will be running in March including **Machine Applique, Stone Carving** & and many more….

For details of all our classes and to book your place please visit the college website swaveseyvc.co.uk, Community tab, email us on community@swaveseyvc.co.uk or call us on 01954 234488

Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB24 4RS Phone: 01954 234488
Email: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All

I am writing this in December so Happy New Year everybody and may all of our current political issues be resolved in 2018. I can't have any effect on the talks with the EU but I can do things locally so, as we move into this new year please share your concerns with me . I can't affect the outcome if I don't know the problem.

2018 will be election year for all the District Councillors as well as the Parish Council - so be prepared for quite a lot of canvassing. The number of councillors at District level will be reduced from 57 to 45 which means I will be standing in Fen Drayton, Swavesey and Lolworth. Many of my colleagues will be standing in up to 10 small villages, so the way councillors carry out their business may change but I envisage that if you elect me I will continue to attend most Parish Council meetings and local events. I am currently heading up a task and finish group to make the necessary arrangement for the envisaged changes. I am very anxious to ensure that although each councillor will have a larger number of residents, they will continue to have the opportunity to represent those residents at all the key decision making committees.

My Health and Wellbeing portfolio continues to move forward. We held a conference at Madingley Hall in December, in conjunction with The Campaign to End Loneliness. It was standing room only and we all went away having pledged to take action to reduce loneliness. I started a 'mince pie moment'. This is where you start a conversation with somebody you don't know - neighbour, fellow shopper, or standing at the school gate by offering them to share a cup of tea and a mince pie . This is the only time in the year when it is generally socially acceptable to do that but it may open a whole world to a lonely person. Lonely people are not just those who are old - the mother with a new baby who has left the companionship of her work mates, the young person who has no transport and so can not stay at college for the evening events, the disabled and the person living in an isolated farmhouse. Few people will admit to loneliness but many suffer.

Two planning appeals have been heard recently, Fen Drayton Road and Dairy Farm. We await the outcomes but if they are both approved we need to continue to lobby for a new primary school and a new Health Centre. The growth in residents will mean we need more playing field and facilities for open space activities as well as transport and shops. There is a lot to do!

If you need me to sort something, get advice or have a moan please ring me on 07774146331 or 01954 202923.

Sue Ellington - South Cambs District Council
cllr.ellington@scambs.gov.uk

Elections - Thursday May 3rd 2018

Could you be a Parish Councillor ?

Swavesey is affected by three levels of local government: Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, and our own Parish Council. The County Council oversees education, local highways and care services. The District Council planning, refuse collection and housing. There are also other activities related to these main services that they undertake.

Town and Parish Councils work towards improving community wellbeing and providing better services at a local level. Activities fall into three main categories: representing the local community; delivering services to meet local needs; striving to improve quality of life and community wellbeing.

Your Parish Council works through an extensive range of discretionary powers to maintain and support a variety of important and visible local services including allotments, car parks, bridleways, burial grounds, bus shelters, open spaces, community transport schemes, events and festivals, community safety and crime reduction measures, footpaths, leisure and sports facilities, litter bins, village greens and youth projects.

In Swavesey the Parish Council has been very active in representing residents' views following a high number of large planning applications for major housing expansion in the village and in supporting residents who are preparing a neighbourhood plan for the village.

Swavesey Parish Council consists of 11 elected Councillors who serve for four years.

Council meets twice a month - Full Council Meetings on the fourth Monday and Planning Meetings on the second Thursday. All meetings are between 7.30-10pm in the Memorial Hall. Attendance at a Council meeting by a Councillor is a legal duty and the Agenda is a summons to attend, unless you have a valid and accepted reason why you cannot.

When nomination papers are issued by the District Council's Electoral Registration Department in March, anyone eligible can be nominated and seconded. If 11 or less nominations are received, those people will be automatically elected to the Council. If 12 or more nominations are received there will be a Parish Poll. Details on eligibility are on the About Us page of our website www.swavesey.org.uk

Councillors are also required to attend other village and district committee, working party or liaison meetings, as well as act as nominated Trustees on Village Charities, so being a Councillor takes up a reasonable amount of time and commitment.

Your Parish Council Needs your input, as a Quality Council we need at least 11 councillors to stand for election. Please consider how you can contribute.

If you might be interested in standing for election as a Parish Councillor please do contact any of the existing Councillors or the Clerk for further information.

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SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News November December 2017

COUNTY COUNCIL

The 40mph. limit on Ramper Road on the approach to the village has been fully operational from December. The PC is supporting the cost of the bollards that are to be installed outside the newsagents in Market Street to safeguard pedestrians and improve security for the shop.

The pot holes that were evident and of great concern before Christmas were reported to the Highways Department and followed up by the Parish Clerk. The PC is objecting to recent proposals for road closures in the village. The PC was represented at the Parish and Town Conference.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

The PC was represented at a workshop meeting of the Greater Cambridge Partnership . Parish Councillors attending wanted sensible solutions to infrastructure to help cope with increased growth.The PC will respond to consultations on this subject

Our District Councillor Mrs Ellington is involved in a campaign to end loneliness and reported on her work. She also reported on a District Council iniative to involve communities in a 'Cleaner Communities Pilot Project'.This involves making small road sweeping vehicles and equipment available for use by village volunteers to directly clear their paths etc. The PC is to express an interest but await the outcome of the pilot project before becoming involved.

A14 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The PC is in discussion with the Stakeholder Manager of the A14 improvement team concerning surface water drainage. This is an ongoing discussion and the PC is taking up a number of concerns it has about water draining through the village from the new A14 including discussions with the Environment Agency.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS

The PC is still trying to recruit volunteers to a Village Speedwatch Group. We still need another 2 or 3 people to attend training before we have the required number in order to start Speedwatch sessions. Please contact the Parish Council if you would like to help with this.

The PC is working to recruit a new Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for the village.

VILLAGE MATTERS

The PC is finalising the updates to its flood plan. The play areas are under constant review and repair and maintenance ongoing.

COUNCIL NEWS

Mr Glyn Jones is seeking Parish Council Support to establish a Community Orchard in the Village. The main task is identify a suitable affordable site. The PC has access to some funds that could help the project and gave the proposal their support

The PC now has the support of Richard Hart who is our new Tree Warden. He has completed a thorough survey of all the trees that are the PC's responsibility

DRAINAGE

Mr Wilderspin has met with Regional Director of the Environment Agency, and the PC has been in contact with our MP Heidi Allen. As this article goes to press there is no satisfactory outcome to report and the PC continues with its vigorous campaign to seek improvement to our river bank and other pressing drainage issues.

PLANNING

The PC is concerned that in preparing the Section 106 Agreements, that determine the contribution that Developers make towards improvements to the villages infrastructure when planning applications are successful, large sums are being set aside for real time bus indicators at the little used village bus stops. The PC is seeking to have these contributions diverted towards improving community transport

The Appeal Hearing for the application for up to 99 new homes on land south of Fen Drayton Rd/Gibraltar Lane was heard in September. The outcome is awaited.

The Gladman, Burgess Development proposals for Dairy Farm appeal was held in December and the PC put its case to the Inspector. This outcome is also awaited

The application for up 56 new homes on land north of Fen Drayton Rd/west of Moat Way has been submitted and will be considered by SCDC.

A number of other applications were discussed.

Details of the discussions on all planning applications can be found in the meeting minutes on the PC website.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

A grant application to support the work has been successful and the Neighbourhood Planning Group is making good progress through this project. Consultation with local groups has been taking place over the past 3 or so months and an initial survey to identify major issues and concerns has been completed. The grant will enable professional support to be engaged and for progress with the major consultation during 2018, which will lead to the writing up of the Policies to be included in the Plan.

QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

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Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 11th April 2018 – 7.30pm
Swavesey Memorial Hall

Your opportunity to hear reports from and ask questions of the Parish Council, its committees, village charities and other village organisations, both for the past year and the forthcoming year.

County and District Councillors and representatives from our Neighbourhood Police and NHW Scheme will also be present to take any questions.

Further information will be published on posters around the village nearer the date

Please do come along to the meeting to learn more about your village.
We look forward to seeing you on 11th April.
Swavesey Parish Council

Christingle Service December 2017

Many thanks to all who came to The Christingle Service held at St Andrew's Church on 3rd December. Over 200 adults and children joined in the service and a record £426 was raised for The Children's Society. Particular thanks go to Clare at the Paper Shop who donated all the oranges and to the St Andrew's Branches (youth group) who made up all the Christingle oranges in record time!

Together with the box collection we have sent a total of £1661.73 to the Children's Society in 2017.

Events at St Andrew's Church February to April 2018

Snowdrop Walk February (Date to be announced)
Once again Jeremy Newsum, of Priory House, has offered to open his gardens on behalf of the church for a Snowdrop Walk on a suitable Sunday in February. We will be combining this opportunity to stroll amongst the snowdrops and spring flowers with a sale of pre-loved paintings in church. If you have any pictures or paintings that you no longer want – maybe they don't match the wallpaper or they are too small or too big – then donate them to the church and we will try to find them a new home! Refreshments will also be available.

"Tea á la Ritz" March 11th
Following its success last year, we are once more presenting "Tea á la Ritz" at the Memorial Hall at 4pm on March 11th, which is Mothering Sunday. Come and celebrate this special day with cucumber sandwiches, scones, cakes and a little gentle dancing! Tickets will be available nearer the date so look out for the posters.

Easter Weekend March 30th to April 1st
The church will be decorated with spring flowers as usual and there will be an opportunity to donate an Easter lily in remembrance of a departed loved one.

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Parish Priest: Father Karol Porczak MS

Tel: 01480 462 192
www.sacredheart-stives.org.uk
email: office@sacredheart-stives.org.uk

Mass Times:
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the month	11:00AM	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month	8:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month	11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4th Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	All Age Service
5th Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	Holy Communion

To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Priest in Charge or the Team Administrator:

Priest in Charge.
Revd. Julie Anderson.
Telephone: 01954 231496 or
Email: julie_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk.

Team Administrator.
Gillian Beal.
Telephone: 01954 203459
(Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00) or
Email: admin@5folds.org.uk

To arrange use of the church for concerts or other events please contact either of the churchwardens:

Mr Iain Campbell.
Telephone: 01954 230019 or
Email: lainJ.Campbell@sky.com

Mr Martin Herrington
Telephone: 01954 230894 or
Email: ms_herrington@yahoo.co.uk

For details of our Youth Group, Branches, or Sunday School Services please contact:
Mrs Elizabeth Street
Telephone: 01954 or
Email: street.el@virginmedia .com

St Andrew's Church Swavesey

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Children's Services

Children of all ages are very welcome at St Andrews for those over 5 we hold a Youth Group each week, Branches, during the 11 am service. Except, the 4th Sunday of the month when an All Age Service is held and the children take part in the service. For younger children, or those who prefer to stay with their parents we have bags of books and toys for use during the services.

Contact Elizabeth Street: Telephone 01954 232358
street.el@virginmedia .com

Bell Ringing

We have a bell ringing group that rings fortnightly before the 11 am service. If you are interested in bell ringing please contact the churchwardens in the first instance.

Church Choir

Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.

Contact John Mullett: Telephone: 077026 79191 or
Email: johnajmullett@gmail.com

Events Group

We host a variety of events and entertainment throughout the year for both the young and the not so young. Some events are for outreach and some to raise funds for the work of the church. If you would like to know what we are doing please see our notice boards at the church or contact our events leader

Contact Jacqui Fuller: Telephone: 01954 230774
Email: Jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

Compass Café

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church, 10.30 until 12 noon. Come along for a drink and a chat.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk
Tel: 01954 230458

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For more information:
Contact Revd. David Mann, our minister at:
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Contact **sam@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk**
for more information on these or other youth activities

Our website is kept up to date with details of our monthly prayer meeting, and other regular or special events.
Visit us at **www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk** or email **admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk**

For enquiries about church premises availability for private events, or regular bookings contact **admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk**

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Church Roof Update. After extensive research the PCC decided to apply for a Grant for Places of Worship from the Heritage Lottery Fund to replace the stolen lead and conduct some essential stonework repairs to St Andrew's. Our initial application was for £110,000 but following a visit from Historic England and our Church Architect they concluded that we would need closer to £ 210,000 to conduct the repairs resulting from the theft and necessary stonework repairs. We have been awarded a first-round pass for this amount. Receiving the full grant is subject to us providing a detailed work plan with accurate costings and providing the partnership funding, which we must raise. This is great news and we are thankful for the National Lottery and all those that play the games. The hard work now begins with investigative works in the New Year.

Advent and Christmas. We had a very busy Advent and Christmas. This year the theme for the Advent Fayre was Angels and Stars. This was a great success and many thanks to the organisations that provided angels and stars to decorate the church and to the stall holders for bringing their wares for sale. The standard of the displays entered into the competition was fantastic and with the visitors voting for their favourite adult and children's display the results were:

Adult Category:	1st	Swavesey Newsagents
	2nd	Nicky Carne
	3rd	Jacqui Fuller
Children's Category	1st	Bethel Baptist Church
	2nd	1st Swavesey Guides
	3rd =	Swavesey Primary School
	3rd =	1st Swavesey Rainbows

Our Christingle Service was very well attended and in addition a record amount of £426 was raised for the Children's Society. Thank you to everybody that attended and supported this event.

This year the Primary School held their Carol Concert in St Andrews and over 500 children, staff, parents and helpers attended. This was a brilliant concert where everybody enjoyed the children singing the carols. The PTA also used the event to raise funds for a music programme. There was standing room only in the church and none of us can remember when that last happened!

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to everybody that supported our Gift Day. We are very grateful for your support. Your church is here for your needs whether attending a service' for quiet reflection/prayer or if you want to use the church for an event. Please contact either Julie or the churchwardens Iain and Martin and we be delighted to help.

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. **See** http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ **or Email:** clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:-www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919).
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity and centre of excellence in training dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and public buildings. Contact:- Jenny Parker (Branch Organiser and Speaker) 01223 833562 (evenings only), jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
Help the Heroes	We support those wounded in the service of our country. Contact:- 01480 478526
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708
Over District Girlguiding Swavesey and Over	**Unit** / **Evening** / **Contact** Swavesey Rainbows / Thurs / caroline@overroad.co.uk Swavesey Brownies / Mon / brownowl1@virginmedia.com Swavesey Guides / Thurs / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Over Rainbows / Mon & Tue Over Brownies / Wed & Thurs Over Guides / Tue * For information about the Over units or to volunteer in girlguiding, please email:- overdistrictcomm@gmail.com
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - Dave Morrison on 07469 170318 Secretary - Dave Rudderham on 01954 203258 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2art53@yahoo.co.uk
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet on Tuesday at the Scout Hut on the SVC site Beavers - 16:45 to 17:45 Contact Heather Maloney e: himaloney@googlemail.com Cubs - 18:00 to 19:15 Contact Lisa Boyes e: windmillkennels@oneservice.co.uk Scouts - 19:30 to 21:00 Contact Jim Burling e: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other Scouting issues, contact Lynda Mayer e: s.mayer@ntlworld.com
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 2 – 4 years) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 or 07803 812221.
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk
Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert W Bond (01954) 203645 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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Please use this form to notify us of any major events you are organising so that we can publish the dates in the magazine and on the website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk It is hoped this will avoid major events clashing on the same day. Please send to the Editor, 14 Black Horse Lane, Swavesey.

Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date. We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

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Half Marathon & 5 Miler
SUNDAY 18th March 2018

www.swaveseyhalfmarathon.com

Hands up if you are going to join us?

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